

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner | (2) MEETING DATE 5/5/2015 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson 781-4540 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year 2013-14. All Districts. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION The Sheriff-Coroner requests the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached Fiscal Year 2013-14 "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund. | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? N/A |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP N/A | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____ | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts | | | |

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson
781-4540

DATE: 5/5/2015

SUBJECT: Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year 2013-14. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sheriff-Coroner requests the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached Fiscal Year 2013-14 "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.

DISCUSSION

Per California Penal Code Section 4025 an Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) is mandated to provide services essential to the benefit, welfare and educational needs of the inmates confined in the County Jail. Penal Code Section 4025(a) authorizes the Sheriff of each county to establish, maintain and operate a commissary in connection with the county jail and supply food, snacks, postage, writing materials, and toiletries items to sell for cash to inmates in the jail. Penal Code Section 4025 (e) requires the Sheriff to submit annually an itemized report of expenditures to the Board of Supervisors.

The inmate commissary is one of two primary sources of revenue for the IWF. In addition, telephone commissions are collected from collect calls made by inmates from the jail. These revenues are placed in an "Inmate Welfare Trust Fund" with authority for expenditures from this fund restricted to the Sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Services provided to the inmates are paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund at no cost to the County. The fund balance carried forward from FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$290,758 combined with \$387,211 in net FY 2013-14 revenues resulted in \$677,969 in fund balance available for the year. Total FY 2013-14 operating expenditures were \$394,255 less \$9,259 in accounts payable clearing accounts for a total of \$384,996, resulting in an FY 2013-14 ending fund balance available of \$292,973. This reflected an increase in fund balance available for FY 2014-15 in the amount of \$2,215. See attached Inmate Welfare "Detail Operating Statement" detailing how the funds were spent in FY 2013-14.

RESULTS

During the FY 2013-14, the Inmate Welfare Fund continued to promote behavioral and medical health services. Exit medication in the amount of \$39,848, was provided to 223 inmates for 458 medication scripts, reflecting an average cost of \$178 per inmate and \$87 per script. The Sheriff's Office is committed in providing a ten day supply of psychotropic medication to mentally ill jail inmates who are released into the community. The continuance of psychotropic medication should allow for a stabilizing effect until the offender/patient is admitted to a community program. This practice assists the

individual in resuming a normal life and ultimately reduces the burden of mentally ill patients on the criminal justice system.

Salaries and benefits in the amount of \$73,935 were paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund. This was for Storekeepers who operate the inmate commissary.

Inmate Welfare Funds allowed for the following purchases, reducing health and safety issues for the inmates and liability to the county:

1. Cost free transportation was provided to 3,352 inmates (this includes bus, and taxi transportation) being released from the county jail. It is the policy to provide transportation to indigent inmates released from the county jail.
2. Approximately \$37,606 was spent to procure legal reference material for inmates, providing inmates with required access to current and updated legal resources.
3. Funds in the amount of \$55,963 allowed for the renovation of existing buildings and the purchase of two modular units to support the inmate reentry programs. This was due to the increase in the jail population, longer lengths of stay and more criminally sophisticated inmates which influenced the jail culture this past year. This improved the opportunities for growth in treatment and other offender support programs as well as additional bed space. The Women's Honor Farm was also relocated to an area near the Men's Honor Farm to help alleviate the overcrowding in the jail with the aim to establish similar opportunities currently available to the men in programming, education, and vocational instruction.
4. Funds in the amount of \$69,512 allowed inmates to receive educational and vocational training. Our goal is to provide targeted activities that reduce an inmate's likelihood to reoffend, and to assist inmates in their transition to the community by offering reentry planning that includes direct linkages to key services. To that end, the Sheriff's Office engages with community agencies and organizations that provide programs, services, and activities designed to address an array of needs. We purchase direct services, curriculum, supplies and materials for numerous classes and activities. The table below summarizes these programs and services.

| INMATE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING |
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| General Education Development (GED) Program |
| Basic Education and English as a second language |
| Helping Women and New Directions |
| Education Tutoring Services (Prep GED) |
| Vocational Welding Program |
| Parenting Classes |
| Yoga and Meditation Classes |
| Alternative to Violence Program |
| Job Readiness Workshops |
| Mentoring and Re-Entry Assistance |
| Addiction and Recovery Programs |
| Vet to Vet Mentoring |
| Jail to Jobs Workshop |
| Art Classes |
| Vocational Computer Training |

During the past fiscal year the average daily jail population was 781 and 12,585 people were booked into the county jail.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 – FY 13/14 Summary Statement of Operations
2. Attachment 2 – FY 13/14 Detail Operating Statement